

## Notice of Public Scoping

### Grazing Permit Renewals and Land Health Assessments

Comment Period: Open until October 31, 2004

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The Glenwood Springs Field Office (FO) is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing land areas for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado. Secondly, we intend to renew 11 grazing permit\leases in 2005. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on a land area basis. During FY 2005, the Glenwood Springs FO will be completing land health assessment(s) in the "Colorado River from Sweetwater Creek to Burns, Colorado" area.



Once the FO receives public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Public comments and all other available information provided will be used by the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team to complete the Land Health Assessment.

Following is the land area and acreage identified in the FO where we are soliciting input regarding the assessment to be initiated.



Name	Federal Acreage
Colorado River – Sweetwater Creek to Burns	42,683

The FO will also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permit\leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is the more helpful and useful it will be.

An interdisciplinary team will rank the expiring permits into high and low priority categories based on public comments and all other information available. The ranking will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for reaching a decision on each grazing permit renewal. The ranking will also help to allocate resources to address concerns on a priority basis.

The following allotments will have grazing permits scheduled to expire in Fiscal Year 2005. The level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern. Your comments on these allotments are being sought.

<b>Allotment Name</b>	<b>Federal Acres</b>	<b>Permittee/Lessee</b>	<b>Land Area</b>
Wheelock Ind. Large	30	Schlegel Ranch Part.	Colorado River – Burns to State Bridge
Beaver Creek	462	Robert K. Flohr	Rifle West
Badlands	645	Gailen B. Smith	Roaring Fork
Barr	85	Hermann Staufer	Colorado River – Rifle to GWS South
Crown Common Vasten Homestead Com. Driveway	2,066 718 156	Conrad N. & E. Lavanaia Cerise	Roaring Fork
King Mountain	3,990	Kirk J. Eberl	King Mountain
JQS Common	10,457	Pete Peters	Roan Cliffs
Battlement Creek Com.	2,550	James R. Lemon	Battlement Mesa
Lookout Mountain	3,322	James Craig Bair Ranch Company	Roaring Fork
Greenhorn Upper Cottonwood	11,237 1,125	Maynard D. Smith	Eagle River North
Moniger Ridge 2	375	Frederick S. Otto	Deep Creek

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a health of the land assessment, please contact the individual at the address above to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address above.

